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DANCE-SUPPER TO BE HELD AT LATER DATE

DANCE POSTPONED

NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE

This is the first of a series of articles dealing with National Service Life Insurance. The information contained in these articles is taken from a bulletin issued by the U.S. Navy, IND, dated March, 1945. Personnel seeking information concerning their insurance should get in touch with Lieut. Scully, Personnel Officer. The Personnel Officer wants each member of the Base to understand thoroughly the right that he has to apply for NSLI and that each person be given ample opportunity to make application for maximum coverage.

CHANGE OF BENEFICIARIES:

Single men who are contemplating an early marriage who have named close relatives as beneficiaries and who desire to effect a change of beneficiary after their marriage, are advised to send a revocation of their previous beneficiary designation to the Veterans Administration. The revocation should read as follows: "I hereby revoke all previous beneficiary designations under my National Service Life Insurance policy in the amount of _____ as of (date) .". This statement should be over the insured's signature with identification as to full name (printed), rank or rate, service number, policy number (if known) amount of insurance and home address

Because of the sudden and overwhelming news of the death of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, our Commander-in-Chief, it was necessary and fitting that the Spring Dance and Buffet Supper which was to be held at the Copley Plaza on that long-to-be-remembered evening be cancelled.

News of the President's death came little more than an hour before the time for which the evening's festivities were scheduled to commence. Throngs of bewildered and saddened people, after being informed of the cancellation of the dance, formed into small clusters about the lobby, talked quietly, and appeared to be wondering about what they were going to do next.

As this edition of the SHIELD is about to go to press, Mr. Scully, Repair Base Military Morale Officer, and members of the dance committee state that the dance has not been permanently cancelled, but merely postponed.

All military organizations will be in a state of mourning for a 30-day period, and after that period has ended, a date for the Spring Dance and Buffet Supper will be set. The Committee further states that all persons who received tickets should keep them as they will be used for admission to the next affair.

Silver Shield

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BASE CHURCH SERVICES

CATHOLIC MASS: Weekdays, 1205

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PROTESTANT SERVICES: Wednesdays, 1235

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PROTESTANT MID-WEEK SERVICES

Protestant services are now being held each Wednesday at 12:35 o'clock in the Chapel, Bldg. 1. These mid-week meetings are the result of the good response shown to the pre - Easter services held here at Constitution Wharf.

It is the earnest desire of Lieut. Paul C. Morton, Chaplain, to make each and every discussion a real inspiration to all of those wishing to attend. These Devotionals will take but fifteen minutes of the Wednesday noon hour and all are invited to attend.

You can help make these mid-week services a big sucess by attending. So, what do you say gang, let's go Wednesdays!

OUR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

With the death of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, our Commander-in-Chief, the men and women in the armed forces lost a great leader and a true friend. Probably no other group of people mourns his death more than those in the Service.

It sometimes takes years before our great men are really recognized but already the late President is being linked with Lincoln, Jefferson, and Washington. We believe the attributes that made him great were his concern for the common man, his plans for a peaceful world, his great tolerance, his courage, and his high good humor, and may all of these qualities of his be a guide and an inspiration to us in the years to come.

PORT & STARBOARD

BY FATHER LAVERY

Nervous in (God's) service? then go to Confession
Muster Prayer to Mary
Sabotage breaking up another marriage
A.W.O.L. Those who miss Mass
As you were Day of your 1st Communion
Obstacle course Temptations
Basic Training. morning and night prayers
Squared away state of grace
Booby traps obscene and vulgar jokes
Banging ears worldly affairs before spiritual
Scuttlebutt Cut out the lying!
Bilgewater sins of impurity!
Decommissioned divorced
Don't ship me out this one's easy!

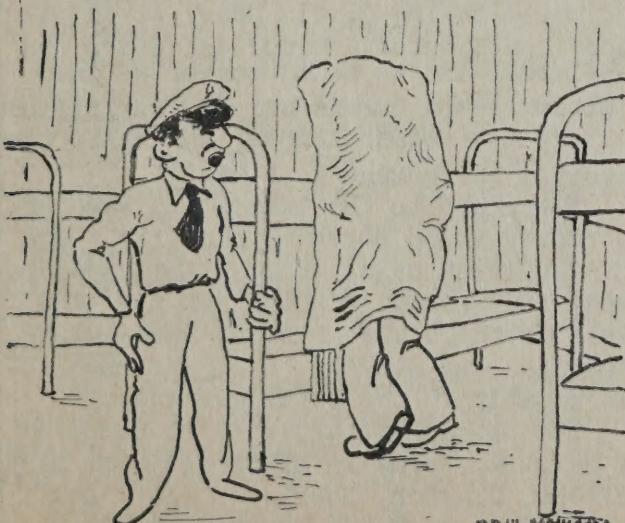
NOW HEARTAIS

REUNION IN BOSTON occurred when Betty Miller SK2c met her brother for the first time in three years at the Copley Plaza last Thursday evening. Betty's brother Bill, a topkick in the paratroopers, landed in Boston the preceding Monday after spending nine months in a Nazi prison camp....We must throw the galley a bouquet for the high quality chow they're putting out these days. Have to watch our waistline, though, when it comes to those double desserts of pie, and ice cream with sauce.

FIRST FEMALE brig yeoman in the district is Ann LeBlanc S2c(Y), as yet she hasn't started to pack a revolver or wear leggings....Those new steel sacks and the linoleum decks certainly make the berth decks clean and comfortable. Now if something could only be done about throwing that Union Freight locomotive into the harbor!

BASE BIRTH RATE is still on the increase. The day Clem Elia completed three years service in the CG (7April) was also the day he became daddy to a baby girl.Ed Kramer BM1c became father for the second time on 2 April - this time it's Junior.

OUR OPERATORS inform us that Scott Webber BM2c ambled down that well worn middle aisle in Gloucester last Sunday, no futher details are available Information has also reached us about a big maroon Packard that rolls up in front of the Base every night that Bob Johnson BM2c has the duty.



"Here, let me show you an easier way."

Round-up



Things we worry about:

The feller that remarked that some of us don't seem to have quite the spring in our walk this Spring as last Spring seems prit'ner right...Though if they'd give us our ruters guess we'd take the Spring of the year with hits flowers and green things; even Springy around the Base, ain't it? At least lots of things are turnin' green.

Grandma died the other day. Might nigh put in for one of them there "Specials" as they call 'em, but thought that might be over doin' things.

Must be figgerin' on gettin' lots bigger mess cooks, or do them white coats shrink a good bit when they're put in the wash?....Been wondering how the feller is feeling that ate six lobsters at chow the other day. Some said they threatened to take his pitcher if he et one more..... Come to think of it that ship's cook shore done a right pritty job of paintin' our flagpole a few days back, didn't he?

We tried to put our coke bottle back where we got it, never did did get that red and green box open, though.

We've wondered quite a spell about what they did with all them bones piled up across the road. Jest found out they grind 'em up and make fertilizer. Folks back home git theirn a sight easier than that... You know we wouldn't git so lonesome in the service if we could jest have 'bout 16 head of cattle to milk, morning and night.

Still can't get used to all this "Boston Culture". Said "Good Morning" to a woman t'other day and might nigh got put in the jug fer being too fresh.

We all went to the moom pitchers t' other night down to the Jim, had all the doors open all around. Smelt kinda salty, didn't it? Guess that's salty. Come in from quite some fer piece inland we likely don't know.

Hit's gonna take a heap bigger paper ain't it, Ed? I mean at the rate folks around the Base keeps gittin' married and havin' babies.

Hope they don't think we're a 20-year man, we want to git.

SPORTS



Led by playing Manager Roy Merritt, who signed a New York Yankee contract in 1942, the Constitution Wharf diamond contenders have been working out regularly in an effort to ready themselves for the Commandant's League. Plans have been made to schedule many extra-league contests, including tentative games with Pawtucket, Lynn, Quincy of the New England league, the Worcester Nortons, Brown, Holy Cross, Tufts, Harvard, and numerous others.

Holdovers from last year's crack District CG club include Merritt, who pitched 15 complete games in 16 starts to win 13, while losing 3; Jim Deery at shortstop; Joe Clayton, former CYO star, an outfielder who is being converted into a pitcher; and Bernie Jarosz, Springfield college and Nathan Lampke, who split the catching assignment last year.

Newcomers to the squad, who have been impressive in workouts thus far, are Elia at first base, Abel at the keystone sack, and Smith, rounding out the infield at third base. Kelly, Kazmarczyk, Connolly, and Schmidt have performed quite capably in the outer gardens.

The pitching staff will be composed of Merritt, formerly of William and Mary College, Clayton, Sherlock, Jess, and Boik, all of whom are right-handers.

ENGINEERING

Dear Mac,

"Daises won't tell", but with our new and improved engineering equipment on the job, we've got the latest dope.

The Civil Engineering Section is all a' flutter anticipating the marriage of Mary Poirer, Y3c to CPhM Richard Ford, USCG, of Detroit. The big affair will take place April 28th at the Holy Rosary church in Mary's home town, Gardner, Mass. A pretty slick chick she'll be in a lovely dotted swiss, old fashioned wedding gown. Isn't Dick a lucky fellow?

Speaking of such things, CRT Jimmie Bonney of Communications Engineering fame broke into the sock in his mattress and lo and behold, found a miniature doorknob to place on the third finger, left hand of his lovely gal friend. Needless to say Jimmie isn't quite so popular with the Spars in his office now. He promises to let us know the date of the ceremony. (With that dying-calf look in his eyes, it'll certainly be soon).



Nadine Milliren (Marine Engineering) and Gladys Crowder (Comm. Eng.) spent Easter Sunday Afternoon proving they're a match for Tarzan. For a lulu of a picture of Nadine's glamorous pose in a spreading oak tree, refer to file No. 1 entitled "Girls most likely to Succeed as Models, Actresses and the Like as Any Fool can Plainly See by one Look at these Pictures and I'm not Kidding."

Yes, Mac, that flash that just flew by is Henry Fuller giving out his best in tickets for the dance at the Copley Plaza given by the Repair Base. Henry has fulfilled his obligations nobly, and as a result of his hard work it is believed the Engineering personnel will be represented 100%. Not only has he told each person about the wonderful time to be had, but also, has described in detail his date for the evening. What a surprising surprise!

Our scope is now becoming foggy. The last thing we can pick up is two goblets namely, Sammie (Louise Sampson Y2c) and Jeanie Ballantyne Y3c seeing the sights of Boston with gobs of the U.S. Navy.

It's clearer now. Radio Electrician

FINANCE AND SUPPLY

Leora B. Denny SK2c of the Property section, Finance & Supply, became the bride of George W. MacBride BM1c, USCG on 6 March 1945. The ceremony took place in St. Andrews Church, Wilmington, Del.

That pleased expression that Don Benz SK1c of Supply is wearing these days is because of his new baby daughter born on 30 March, 1945.

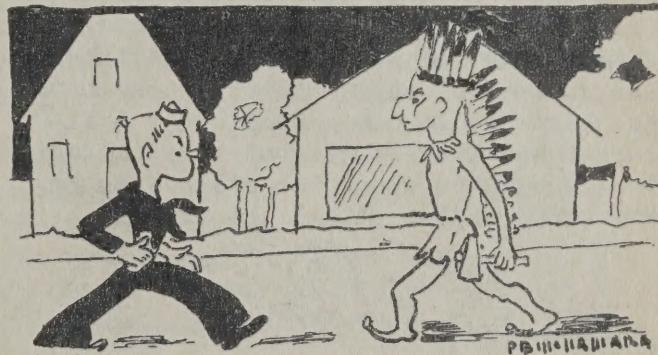
Mike Jordan SK1c who was transferred the other day is missed by his many many friends in the Voucher section and other departments.

TRANSPORTATION

Many changes have taken place in the Transportation office in the past few weeks. For one thing Chief Specialist George Hicks has been duly welcomed back from sea duty. Chief Hicks will be remembered by many as one of the first members of the District Transportation office back when it was made a separate office, shall we say, many years ago.

Congratulations to Leo Kuether Sp1c (TR) who was recently promoted to Chief Specialist (TR).

Among the new faces in the office are Jules Borscik Y1c and Marie Sefchick S1c (Y) both from New Jersey, how about that?



"Hi, Chief".

A.W. Lindquist is the proud father of a husky baby boy born April 5th. He just bought a paper route for him.

The receiving scope seems to have failed completely -- any available RT's to fix 'er up for the next issue?

Salty as packed fish,
Sal

P.S. Remember Rosalie Fish SK2c in the Pay Office? Yep, the one you'd throttle on the 5th and the 20th, and date the rest of the time? She mentioned that her sister recently bought a puppy and named it "Tuna".... Catch?

SPARKS FROM THE LAB

The Radio Lab has finally come out with some news of things that have been happening around here lately. We've had our share of happiness and sorrow.

Our sympathy is extended to Chief McFarlin upon the loss of his baby daughter; also to Edward Nupoll and Ken Miller, both lost their fathers; and to Jack Cohen upon the loss of his mother.

The stork has really been quite busy. The first stop for him was at George Olmstead's house - a girl. Next was Mr. Lindquist of District Engineering - a boy. Then he stopped at the home of Mr. Pugh, officer-in-charge of the Lab, where he left a baby girl. Congratulations to all of you papas.

Things have sure been buzzing around here. Men have been coming and going continually. Some have been transferred, some have gone out on temporary duty, and others are spending a restful week at the Wakefield range (Did we say restful?) Two of our men Deatherage and Garrett are at the Marine hospital - - a speedy recovery to you both.

Chief Karalow, formerly of the Lab, is now in sunny Florida. The latest news from him was that he arrived in Miami (after his car had broken down several times along the way) and was awaiting assignment to duty. Another of our boys has headed for home - California - Ellberger was transferred out there recently and will be about ten miles from home. Some people get all the breaks.



Radio Technicians, seamen, and all available rates have answered to the call. It seems there is a shortage of men on the Base force, so some of our fellows have gone in for galley duty, brig guards, and M.A.A.'s. Nothing like variety, oh, yeah!

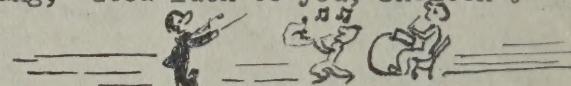
Ardith Whitney SK2c has applied for RT school. We sure hope she gets it. Whit is certainly the girl for such a job. She's proved that to us by the excellent job she's done in the stockroom.

A certain SK1c Spar has been beaming lately and has that faraway look. Could it be because she has had news of

OPERATING ~ BASE

By Pat Cline

Harriet "Texas" Voorhis S2c has departed for IBM school in Washington. All of us will miss "Baby" as she is known to us - we'll miss her perpetual good humor. We welcome into our midst Connie Barry Slc. We also welcome into the personnel department Lawrence Martell Ylc. Mary Fick Slc departed last week for mess detail at Brandon Hall, and Marie Blazejowski S2c returned.... Florence Parsons RM3c of the radio shack was home on leave in Pa. spending a leave with her husband who had a leave from his PF in the Pacific. The welcome mat is also out to Chief Yeoman Vesty who is back from temporary duty.... We have had quite a few strangers here the past few weeks and they are Navy Officers here to learn the ways and means of running a COTP office.... We can always tell when Dave Morgan Slc of Co. B is around even when we can't see him for we can hear him whistling "Don't Fence Me In".... Jim Shelton SK2c has been transferred from Supply over here to parts unkown, and so to Jim from the whole gang, "Good luck to you, Shelton".



Do you remember way back when "Tiger Rag" was a popular ragtime number? Our bandmaster Warrant Musician J.A. Jacobson has a grand way of putting this number over; everyone likes his style and it might be termed in the modern slang as solid. No one else seems to equal the style

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a certain soldier boy who escaped from a German prison camp, and is now in the States?

We're going to miss Leon Enright, who got his discharge last week. He helped to keep up our morale with his jokes. When he'd start laughing we couldn't help but join in. We hope he gives us the lowdown on civilian life.

A new Spar has been added to our group. She's Ginny Cloutier SK3c who was formerly at the Spar Clothing Locker, Brandon Hall. Now she's issuing radio parts. We're glad to have you around, Ginny.

We'll sign off now, and don't forget to tune in again,

SPARKY



"GIVE ME LIBERTY"

One thing about working in the Quartermasters' Shack is that you meet a lot of people. Everyone attached to the Repair Base turns in his button at the quartermasters' dutch door when he leaves the Base and picks it up there on his return. But that's only part of it. Every new arrival or draft of men has to check in here and every departing man has to check out at this spot, and so it is that the quartermasters come to know nearly everyone at the Base.

Twenty four hours a day, seven days a week the shack is open for business. Calls and queries come in here day and night. Someone wants transportation, so the QM's get it for him. Someone wants to locate a man, so these are the men who find him. A man is taken ill or gets injured; who gets the ambulance? The quartermasters. A telegram arrives in the early morning hours. A member of the family of one of the boys is seriously ill. The quartermasters find the man, notify him, and hustle him off on emergency leave.

Telephone queries are practically continuous. Typical question: (by a harassed feminine voice) "I'm trying to find a fellow in the Coast Guard named Smith. Can you tell me where I can find him?"

There are three groups of men who handle all this business. There are three junior OD's, four quartermasters, and six masters-at-arms.

One of the three JOD's is jovial, rotund Daniel C. (Fat-Stuff) McInnis of Provincetown whose 26 years of Navy-CG service prove that he is no boot. This gold hash-marked CBM is a veteran of the Mexican campaign and World War 1. In the

latter conflict he served aboard the USS Florida and while on this battleship witnessed a truly historical event, the surrender of the German fleet on 21 November 1918. Later the Chief was on the Lexington and in 1924 he joined the CG. In the CG "Mac" has served in surf stations and has taken part in several rescues. He boasts that he was once a cook "and a good one, too", he adds.

Another member of the Big Three of the quartermasters' shack is a soft-spoken, smiling pleasant fellow named George F. Hallett CBM also a Cape Codder. This is Chief Hallett's second world war, and he too has 26 years Navy-CG service to his credit, having spent part of it during World War 1 on the USS Oklahoma. In 1920 he joined the CG and since that time his record shows that he has been at surf stations, served aboard the Wakefield, the Jackson, and spent 11 months on the Subchaser 527 in Greenland. Says Chief McInnis of Chief Hallett, "The only time Hallett takes his girl to an entertainment is when the admission is free."

The third chief is George Campbell CBM, a quiet, serious man who comes from Michigan. With nearly a score of years in the CG, has seen service on the Great Lakes, was CBM on the LCI-L 83, a troop-landing ship, and on the USS Citrus.

Of the four quartermasters one is Frank T. (Mike) Quick QM3c sometimes referred to as "Speed" who comes from the nation's capital. Mike served for 26 months on the USS Frederick Lee on Greenland patrol.

Another member of the quartermasters' quartet is Raymond W. McCarthy QM3c known as "the basso sack-hound". New York city is his home and before coming here he sailed on the Mojave.

Warren E. Hardesty QM2c "the Lover" is a Cleveland, O. man and shipped on an ice-breaker on the Great Lakes before his arrival here.

Also a member of the foursome is Harold R. Kaufman SM2c of Minneapolis, Minn. Known to the lads in the shack as "the

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"Dreamer" Harold saw action on the LST 326 which took part in the little affair at Anzio and joined in the famous Normandy invasion. So after 18 months of that sort of duty Signalman Kaufman now spends his time writing 17-page love letters.

The six masters-at-arms attached to the quartermasters' shack have many duties such as calling musters, making announcements, being ready for any emergency call, and the unpleasant task of calling all hands in the morning.

One of these boys is Henry S. "Hank" Kaczmarczyk BM1c (the Silent Worker). Hank has seen duty on the Escanaba and the McCawley which ships were both sunk in 1943. He spent some time bouncing around the rough waters off Cape Hatteras in an 83-footer.

Marion "King" Reynolds BM1c (the Shiek) comes from --believe it or not -- Chincoteague Island, Va. And this is really something! Reynolds' family has been in the CG since 1889, his father having joined in that year. One brother, now dead, was a Coast Guardsman and King has another brother who is a jay-gee on an LST in the Pacific. Boatswain's Mate Reynolds, himself, spent 32 months on the Campbell.

From South Dakota comes Robert F. "Wolf" Johnson BM2c. Bob had two and one half years sea duty on the Bibb.

Besides being a M.A.A. James L. Byrne BM2c of Melrose, Mass. is also sports cartoonist for the Shield and captain of the hockey team. The question in the shack is, "Is Byrne scooping for new clothes or for a ring?"

Another BM2c of this group is a lad from Michigan, Ora L. Routhier who is known as "the Doorbell Ringer". His hobby is Spars.

Topnotch towncrier of the Base is Carmen P. Giangrasso BM2c of Trenton, N.J. Known among the boys as "Franko Sinatro" his melodious bos'n's announcements echo to every corner of the Base. Before being at the Base Carmen sailed the seas on the "Mighty M", the Modoc.

These then are the boys who inhabit the quartermasters' shack. The boys who get you in, who get you out, who get you up, but who never get you down.

CHIEF PERRY DONATES CHAPEL WINDOWS

By Pat Cline

George Perry CBM of Flotilla 521 donated two stained glass windows to the Base chapel. The windows, which are 150 years old, were rebuilt and installed in the chapel in time for Easter Sunday services. One of the windows depicts Christ sending out the Disciples, and the other window pictures the Mother Mary with the Christ Child. This beautiful addition to the chapel creates an atmosphere for divine inspiration and meditation.

Flotilla 521 is better known as the Artisan Flotilla for there are only men of skilled trades in this group and they have the honor of being the only flotilla directly attached to the Base. All other flotillas work out of Constitution only. This flotilla was formerly at Lewis Wharf with the CG and when the CG moved to Constitution, Flotilla 521 came along.

The comments overheard concerning the windows indicated that the personnel of Constitution Wharf was deeply grateful for the fine works of art that Chief Perry has so generously donated. "It is very appropriate," one admirer was heard to say, "that Chief Perry comes from the artisan group of Flotilla 521."

OPERATING BASE

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with which Mr. Jacobson puts forth on the "Tiger Rag" and it is from this song that he gained his nickname of "Tiger".

There are always some persons who have the distinction of being the first to do something, or the first to get something and so the Operating Base puts a claim on this distinction. Chief Henry Rumpf of the band has the distinction of being the only chief in the CG, as far as we know, who has a son in the same outfit who is also a chief. Paul Rumpf is a Chief Yeoman and is now in Egypt.

Thomas Bowers MoMM2c was married to Morinie Mee of Back Bay Easter Sunday & the whole Base extends its congratulations to them. See you at the dance!



PLATTER CHATTER

By Ray Michaud Music



DON'T YOU KNOW I CARE.....Duke Ellington (Victor). The greatest band of all time features the star saxophonist Johnny Hodges and a vocal by Al Hibbler, the blind singer. Really a fine record. AFTER YOU'VE GONE...Benny Goodman (Columbia)....His latest release features the King of Swing and his Sextette with Teddy Wilson on piano, Red Norvo on vibraphone, Slam Stewart, the new sensation, on string bass, and the King himself on clarinet, which is enough said. A terrific record. EMBRACEABLE YOU...Bobby Hackett (Decca) Features the leader on trumpet playing inspiringly beautiful jazz throughout the record. A must in every real jazz fan's collection.

MY DREAMS ARE GETTING BETTER ALL THE TIME...(Columbia)...The number one best seller by Les Brown and his orchestra.

MOON PITCHERS



SUN 22 April "ENCHANTED COTTAGE" with Roland Young and Dorothy McGuire...Community Sing Cartoon.....
 Two shows - 1800 and 2000
 MON 23 April "ENCHANTED COTTAGE", Same as above.....Time-- 2000
 WED 25 April To be announced.
 FRI 27 April "HERE COME THE COEDS"....
 Abbot and Costello.....
 Cartoons. Selected Shorts
 Time -- 2000.....

Note: No further schedules were available at the time of going to press.

HUSBAND (answering the telephone): I dunno, why don't you call the Weather Bureau?

WIFE: Who was that?

HUSBAND: O, I dunno, just some Coast Guardsman wanting to know if the coast was clear.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

LOST or FOUND



The SHIELD will be glad to accommodate its readers by publishing any lost or found notices that they care to submit. The following articles have been found and are now in the custody of the Executive Officer. Persons identifying them as their property may get them by applying to the Executive Officer.

1 pair neutral plastic frame glasses in black case.

1 pair black plastic frame glasses.

1 pair tortoise-shell glasses in brown leather case.

1 black leather tobacco pouch.

1 black notebook with the name Morgan.

1 black fountain pen.

A small sum of money found in phone booth.

1 large package of phonograph records.

EXTRA

BAIRSTOW TAKES SECOND PLACE IN MARATHON

Pounding the pavement for 26 long hard guelling miles, the distance between Hopkinton and Boston, in the annual Boston A.A.'s Patriots Day marathon classic, Lloyd Bairstow Cox. of Constitution's Fire Watch, arrived at the end of the course in second place.

Leading until almost the finish, Bairstow was finally out-distanced by John Kelley, veteran of ten B.A.A. marathons.

Lloyd, who is an ardent runner and takes his training seriously, is reported to have eaten a piece of pie the other day, his first in eight months. He was said to have shown no little concern in this break in training.

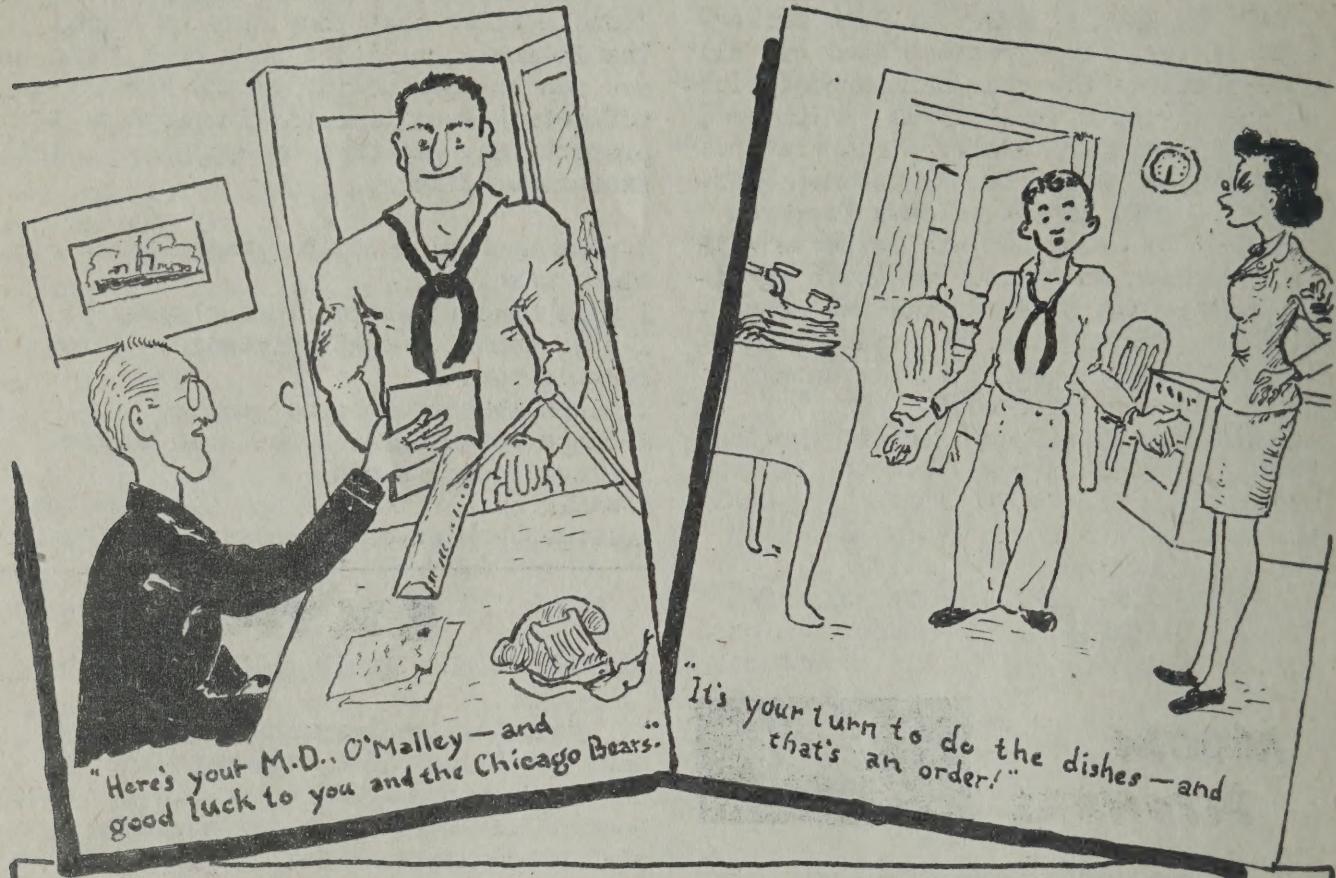
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ed:

Without meaning to place unnecessary burdens on the shoulders of so few, cannot something be done about removing dated notices from the bulletin boards? I am a chronic bulletin board peruser, yet I am getting pretty darned exhausted reading notices proclaiming such out-of-date happenings as Dewey's stirring victory at Manila, the assassination of Lincoln and the defeat of John L. Sullivan. The removal of passe proclamations should be an easy task. A READER

THIS IS IT

BY R.B. HAMMARA



YOU KNOW THE ONE I MEAN!

I guess I should be the one buying the drinks — and you with all those service ribbons — guess you've seen a lot — well I know how it is I'm a veteran myself — I'll never forget one night in the last war, I was at Camp Devens and these buddies of mine and me — BLAH! BLAH!

